

Sadat admits 'many difficulties'

WASHINGTON, April 9 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said today there were many difficulties in Israeli-Egyptian negotiations for Palestinian self-rule, but he was sure they could be overcome with the help of the United States. He told reporters after nearly five hours of talks with Mr. Carter that they had explored very possible alternatives to speed up the peace process. President Carter said the talks were a good and constructive exploratory meeting that prepared the ground for his separate summit next week with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. A full report of the meetings would be sent to Mr. Begin, President Carter added. President Carter said the discussions yesterday and today were perhaps the most far-reaching of his experience in office. Officials said that, besides strategy for a Middle East settlement, they discussed all recent developments in the region.

launch new Soyuz spacecraft

April 9 (R) — Two Soviet cosmonauts roared into space aboard a Soyuz spacecraft at the start of what is to be a new Soviet marathon stay in space. Soviet cosmonauts reported all systems were working normally as the Soyuz-35 craft carrying mission commander Lt. Col. Valery Ryumin and space veteran Valery Ryumin shortly after it from the Baikonur cosmodrome in central Asia. The Agency Tass said the Soyuz would link up with the Salyut station which has been in earth orbit for about two years. It did not say when the Soyuz would execute its docking operation with the 19-ton space station but previous missions to the Salyut suggest this may take time in the next two days. The Salyut station will be in orbit around the Earth for 175 days in space aboard the station. It returned to earth with flight commander Vladimir T. August.

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**Washington uses military force
to threaten militants threaten
kill all their hostages**

From combined news agencies reports

Students occupying the U.S. embassy in Tehran issued a statement today saying they would stages if Washington force against the embassy.

In Bonn, a West German government spokesman said Common Market foreign ministers would meet in Lisbon Thursday to discuss what support to give the American call.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher flew to Lisbon after chairing a cabinet meeting which discussed the "very critical situation," the spokesman said.

In London informed sources said Britain was urgently considering American suggestions that it recall its ambassador in Tehran or take other reprisals for the continued captivity of the 49 American hostages.

In West Germany, which imports about 15 per cent of its oil from Iran, a government spokesman said Bonn authorities were not at present discussing whether to recall their ambassador from the Iranian capital.

The Tehran students, who have occupied the U.S. embassy since Nov. 4, issued their latest warning to Washington in the form of a statement broadcast by the Iranian radio.

"We explicitly warn the criminal American government that, if that government adopts the slightest military intervention, all the hostages will be destroyed," the students said. They made a similar threat soon after first seizing the embassy.

Their statement apparently was issued in response to veiled threats from the White House that President Carter might use force under the right of self-defence sanctioned by the United Nations if Iran refused to free the captives.

For his part, Foreign Minister Sadeq Oubzadeh, who failed in his efforts to arrange a transfer of the hostages to government control, said Wednesday he favoured visits to them by members of their families.

The foreign minister also said in a television interview broadcast in the United States that sanctions were not helpful to a solution of the hostage crisis and the U.S. should begin new negotiations on the issue.

He said the sanctions ordered by President Carter did not impress either the Iranian people, revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini or the militants holding the hostages.

"A settlement cannot be done except by negotiation. It cannot be done by any threat, or use of threats, or any imposition of sanctions," he told ABC Television.

Therefore, the foreign minister said, a return should be made to what he described as the very effective negotiations held earlier.

He added that he personally would continue to seek a peaceful solution.

Asked what Washington should do now, the foreign minister said it should start its own investigation into alleged crimes committed by the ex-Shah.

The student captors of the hostages have demanded the return to Iran of the former monarch, who is now in Egypt.

Meanwhile Swiss foreign ministry officials in Bern said the U.S. had asked Switzerland to represent its interests in Iran now that Washington has broken off relations with Tehran. "We will study the request thoroughly," a Swiss spokesman said. "Obviously we first have to get Iranian approval."

In Tehran it was announced that Algeria would represent Iranian interests in the United States.

The Iranian diplomats expelled from the U.S. after President Carter's Monday announcement of fresh sanctions were given treatment reserved for very important persons (VIPs) Wednesday as they passed through London en route home.

A spokesman at London airport said the presence there of the Iranian charge d'affaires in London required that a VIP suite be provided for the travelling diplomats.

The expelled Iranian charge d'affaires in Washington said that



Some of the 70 Iranians—diplomatic staff and their families—expelled from the United States arrive at London's Heathrow Airport Wednesday, enroute to their home-land. (AP wirephoto)

**Israeli troops in armour set up
positions in southern Lebanon**

BEIRUT, 9 (AP) — Israeli troops in armoured vehicles rolled across the Lebanese border today and set up positions in U.N.-controlled areas, U.N. officials said.

Mr. Timur Goksel, a spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon, said the Israelis had strung barbed wire around their new positions in the U.N. sector controlled by Irish troops. No resistance was encountered.

"There are indications they will be staying for a while," Mr. Goksel said in a telephone interview from the U.N. headquarters at Naqurah, just north of the Lebanese-Israeli border.

"The U.N. spokesman in Beirut said eight Israeli armoured personnel carriers, a bulldozer and more than 30 troops were digging in at Beit Yahoun, and Qounin, about six kilometres north of the border.

Four armoured vehicles and Israeli troops also were digging in about three kilometres northeast of Naqurah, about one kilometre within the U.N. zone, he said. Diplomats said there were about 100 Israeli troops in the area.

He said a U.N. vehicle carrying a senior Norwegian officer and his driver was damaged when it drove over a land mine near Shakra in the enclave. The officer was wounded and his driver suffered minor injuries, he said.

"There also have been lots of movements of Israeli troops in the enclave all morning," said U.N. spokesman Samir Sanbar in Beirut. The "enclave" is a roughly six-mile-deep strip of land on the Israeli-Lebanon border that is controlled by rebel Lebanese army major Saad Haddad, who, with Israeli military backing, has refused to allow the U.N. troops into his area.

The moves appeared to be a new effort by the Israelis to combat Palestinian commando raids across the Israeli-Lebanon border. The government of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin was angered by Monday's raid in which three Israelis were killed in the northern kibbutz of Misgav Am.

Israeli troops killed the five commandos and Tel Aviv claimed the raiders had infiltrated through the Irish-controlled area of the 6,000-man U.N. peacekeeping force, which serves as a buffer between southern Lebanon and Israel.

As described by diplomats, the area of movement within the enclave is a roughly 15-kilometre front, running from north-south, just off the Israeli border.

The diplomats said Israeli armoured vehicles were moving from the Lebanese border to Bilida toward the provincial capital of Bint Jbail and another 10 vehicles were between the villages of Lani Haya and Tal Issa, north of Bint Jbail in the U.N. area controlled by Ghaniyan troops.

In occupied Jerusalem, a military spokesman said Israeli units were patrolling southern Lebanon to foil Palestinian commando attacks.

The short Israeli statement did not disclose the number of troops involved and the area they were patrolling.

An Irish embassy spokesman meanwhile said that Irish troops were still surrounding about 20

**King Hussein warns of
any threats against Iraq**

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein today spoke out against any threat or harm to Iraq.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting, which he chaired, King Hussein said: "Iraq is a sister Arab country which has played a genuine role in enhancing Arab solidarity and bolstering joint Arab action, and must not be subjected to any external threat or harm from any source." He said: "We, as Arabs, should not allow any attack, whatever its source, against any part of the Arab homeland."

The King told the three-hour meeting that Arab interests lie in the stability and solidarity of the Islamic World. He called upon Iran to be a "supporter" of the Arabs, saying that Jordan only wished Iran "stability and the soundness of direction."

He urged the Arabs to perform their duty of "absolute cooperation in safeguarding their unity and preventing the penetration of any perils to their region, whatever the source of these perils."

King Hussein said Jordan's contacts should "continue moving with the sisterly Arab countries to protect the Arab stand, strengthen solidarity and confront the successive challenges and dangers from all directions."

King Hussein said that the complications of the situation in the region emanate from Israel's resort to the Camp David framework to gain the time that enables it to swallow the (occupied Arab) land and to hinder any just solution "to the Middle East conflict."

Israel's goal has always been "to isolate Egypt from the Arab area, change the character of the occupied territories as quickly as possible," King Hussein said, adding that "we have before us daily indications of these Israeli measures in Jerusalem and the rest of the occupied land."

"Attempts to postpone and delay any just Middle East solution hide behind the (current) autonomy negotiations between Egypt, Israel and the United States which ignore Jerusalem, the crux of the issue, and which, in the first instance, accommodate the Israeli concept of granting autonomy to the people but not the land."

King Hussein warned against separating Gaza from the rest of the occupied territories, saying that this would "divide the Palestinian people while the basic issues remain hanging."

The King emphasised Jordan's "active and alert role in bridging the gaps in the Arab structure and in working at all levels to strengthen solidarity and work for a unified future."

At the domestic level, King Hussein reiterated his support for the government's efforts in the various fields and in implementing its programmes.

King Hussein supported efforts "to create the atmosphere of action and modernisation, and broaden government contacts with the citizens in a bid to create an atmosphere of achievement, participation and advancement of the country as a whole."

The cabinet members reviewed work in their ministries and sectors and their future programmes before His Majesty the King.

Before chairing the cabinet meeting, the King met with the prime minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf. The meeting was attended by the chief of the Royal Court Mr. Ahmad Lawzi.



Charge d'affaires of the U.S. embassy in Washington, Tuesday.

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**kills two
is, U.S.
in Suez**

April 9 (R)—Two British American were today when a mine at Bin Sukhna beach exploded, killing two British and wounding three others. One was in a car and the other was in a lorry, the spokesman said. The British were working for construction companies in Suez. The two died were identified as a spokesman as 26, of Redcar, York, and his sister-in-law Maria, 30, of Stoke Newington, London. The British were working for construction companies in Suez. The two died were identified as a spokesman as 26, of Redcar, York, and his sister-in-law Maria, 30, of Stoke Newington, London. The British were working for construction companies in Suez. The two died were identified as a spokesman as 26, of Redcar, York, and his sister-in-law Maria, 30, of Stoke Newington, London.

**Iraq uncovers 'subversion plot'
backed by Iran, local elements**

BAGHDAD, April 9 (Agencies) — Iraqi security authorities have uncovered a plot for subversion in Iraq backed by Iran and local elements, the official Iraqi News Agency reported today.

The agency said the president of Iraq's revolutionary tribunal, Mr. Muslim Hadi, made the disclosure to the Baghdad weekly magazine Aleph-Baa.

Mr. Hadi was quoted as saying Iraqi security forces had captured Iranian plans, weapons and explosives smuggled to "Al Da'wa (Call) Party," an extremist group linked with "Iranian official and non-official circles."

He added that investigation with elements of the party "proved that it is linked with foreign circles... in addition to its links with the Barzani movement and communist elements feeding on the remnants of foreign circles outside Iraq."

The Iraqi official said that Al Da'wa Party affiliates confessed at the investigation that they had conferred with Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini at the Iranian holy city of Qom. The meeting was attended by a representative of the Communist Party "and a plan was laid down for cooperation to carry out broad subversive acts in Iraq."

They added that Ayatollah Khomeini promised at this meeting to "render aids and assistance in this regard including tons of T.N.T. explosives... These explosives, they pointed out to be used for the destruction of Iraqi enterprises. Huge quantities of sub-machine guns, explosives and other destruction materials were among these weapons."

The president of the Iraqi tribunal said that the security forces uncovered the attempts to smuggle these weapons in the south of Iraq close to the Iranian border.

Meanwhile, Iranian border forces said Iran and Iraq exchanged heavy artillery fire today, and 15 Iranian soldiers were reported wounded in a series of clashes.

The gendarmerie at Qasr-E-Shirin, contacted by telephone from Tehran, claimed that heavy artillery exchanges were continuing after 4½ hours, but could give no casualty figures.

The official Pars News Agency reported 15 Revolutionary Guards were wounded in clashes that it blamed on Iraqi tank, artillery and helicopter attacks.

It quoted Revolutionary Guards at Qasr-E-Shirin as saying Iraqi forces were firing on the area from ground and air. But the gendarmerie told Reuters that Iraqi planes and helicopters were being used only for reconnaissance.

For several months, Qasr-E-Shirin has been the site of minor border incidents, for which the Iranian media has consistently blamed Iraq.

Pars claimed that Iraqi tanks and artillery opened fire on Iranian positions this morning, and Iraqi helicopters later attacked Iranian border forces with machine-gun fire.

The Iranians retaliated with artillery and mortar fire. Three Iranian helicopters went into action late in the afternoon, Pars claimed without giving further details.

It claimed that Iraqi helicopters violated Iranian air space for half an hour.

From Dehloran, further south in the province of Ilam, Governor Mousa Aiyari told Pars that an Iraqi plane had violated Iranian air space briefly but that the border was quiet.

He earlier told Reuters that more refugees arrived from Iraq today. So far, at least 8,500 are reported to have crossed into Iran, and Ayatollah Khomeini today again urged Iranians to do everything to help them.

Pars reported that some fighting was continuing today around the Boveiss military camp in Kermanshah province where the army had reinforced Revolutionary Guards against Iraqi-backed "insurgents."

In another move, the authorities suspended all passenger flights to the southern oil city of Abadan, citing the danger of possible Iraqi hostilities.



The deposed Shah of Iran, accompanied by Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, in a black Cadillac limousine, enters the main gate of Qubbah Palace in Cairo Wednesday afternoon. (AP wirephoto)

**Shah leaves Ma'adi hospital
to exclusive Qubbah Palace**

CAIRO, April 9 (Agencies) — The deposed Shah of Iran was discharged from hospital today and went to recuperate in the exclusive white-walled Qubbah Palace, usually reserved for visiting heads of state. Accompanied by Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, he left in a convoy of 12 black limousines and an army ambulance. A team of Egyptian and American doctors removed his enlarged spleen 12 days ago.

The Shah walked to the front door of the heavily guarded hospital in the Cairo suburb of Ma'adi, wearing dark sun glasses, and smilingly shook hands with the hospital staff.

Extra security precautions were taken inside and around the hospital. Two armoured cars mounted with machine guns stood at the corner of the hospital. Troops surrounded hospital entrances.

It was not known how long the Shah would reside in the palace, a 120-year-old, 400-room structure, which has seen such prominent guests as U.S. President Carter ex-president Nixon and once the Shah himself as emperor of Iran.

**Israeli businesses in strike
protest against inflation**

TEL AVIV, April 9 (R) — Tens of thousands of shops and businesses were closed today in support of a 24-hour strike called by the Israeli Chamber of Commerce.

The strike was in protest at what its organisers claim is the government's discriminatory policy towards shopkeepers and small businessmen. They are demanding tax concessions to offset business losses caused by Israel's high inflation rate over the past two years.

Chamber of commerce organiser Zvi Amit said that over 100,000 shops and businesses obeyed the strike call, adding it had succeeded beyond their expectations. But an industry ministry spokesman said the strike was only partial and in some small towns shopkeepers ignored it completely.

It appeared the strike achieved fuller success in the greater Tel Aviv region where shops, garages, wholesale markets, customs and excise offices and agents of gas companies were closed. But supermarkets, banks and factories worked normally.

The organisers ignored last-minute appeals by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Industry Minister Gideon Patt to call off the strike.

Mr. Patt said the shopkeepers position will improve with the introduction this month of new regulations to offset inflationary taxation. "The business sector must bear its share of the cost of rehabilitating the economy," he said.

"Better we close one day than go out of business for good," is one of the slogans which was displayed on shop fronts.

Warned of the strike, housewives yesterday stocked up and motorists made sure they had full fuel tanks.

**Islamic foreign ministers
defer Islamabad meeting**

RIYADH, April 9 (AP)—The conference of Islamic foreign ministers scheduled to open in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, on April 16 has been postponed to May 14-21, the secretary general of the conference confirmed here today.

The secretary, Mr. Chatti of Tunisia, said the postponement was made "to give some members a chance to attend the Zimbabwe independence celebrations on April 19."

Many Islamic foreign ministers are also expected to be busy April 21-29, attending a meeting of the Organisations of African Unity in Lagos, Nigeria.

The postponed conference is the annual general meeting of the 42-member Islamic group. The Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan is expected to be one of the main items on the agenda.

An extraordinary meeting of the Islamic foreign ministers in Islamabad last January condemned the Soviet action, demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Soviet troops and suspended the pro-Soviet Afghan government from membership.

An Afghan government statement Monday said Afghanistan viewed the suspension as illegal. It said Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost would attend the Islamabad conference, even though no invitation had been received.

The statement said Mr. Dost would "set out the view of the government and people on the real state of affairs in the country," and would refute allegations made by "subversive imperialist circles."

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Prince Hamzah officially named



AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — A special ceremony was held at the Nadwa Palace this afternoon for the naming of the newborn Prince Hamzah Ibn Al Hussein. The ceremony was attended by His Majesty King Hussein, His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, members of the royal family, the prime minister, the chief of the royal court and a number of senior palace officials as well as the commander-in-chief of the Jordanian armed forces. The Chief Justice, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan, officiated at the ceremony, and recited verses of the Koran.

NOTEBOOK

Chill wind in Chicago

By Rami G. Khouri

IF JIMMY CARTER and Anwar Sadat, who on the latest reliable information, were still the presidents of the United States and Egypt, though one could be excused for thinking they were, respectively, the godfather of Jerusalem and the foster father of Palestine, really wanted to make a dramatic gesture to show their commitment to justice for the Palestinian people, I have a suggestion for them.

They should pay a visit to Ziad Abu 'Ein, the 20-year-old Palestinian now being held in a Chicago jail awaiting the decision of the American judicial system as to whether he will be extradited to Israel. Better yet, Mr. Carter might invite Ziad Abu 'Ein to the White House for a cup of tea, for all the world to see the extent of the American President's commitment to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

The case of Ziad Abu 'Ein, like that of Sami Esmail last year, should be of special interest to all Americans, because it is a fine microcosm of the confused moral daintiness by which the United States deals with the twin rigours of Palestinian and Zionist juridical punctilio.

Ziad Abu 'Ein is wanted by the Israeli government on the charge of planting a time bomb in Tiberias in May 1979. Ziad was implicated by a "confession" signed by a friend, a Palestinian prisoner in Israel named Jamal Yassin. The confession was written in Hebrew by Yassin's Israeli interrogator, and signed by Yassin in Arabic. Yassin does not know Hebrew. He later said to two Israeli lawyers that his naming of Ziad Abu 'Ein in the confession was false, and that he named Ziad because he thought that his being in the USA would keep him out of Israeli hands, while saving his own (Yassin's) life.

The point today is a very simple one: is there enough legal evidence for the United States to extradite Ziad Abu 'Ein to Israel, where he faces probable torture and a long prison sentence based on the same kind of forced "confession" that Jamal Yassin and hundreds of other Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails have signed?

The dilemma is not an Israeli or a Palestinian one. The Israelis are convinced that Ziad Abu 'Ein was involved in the Tiberias bombing, and they want him in their jails. Ziad himself and the Palestinian nation that he embodies are convinced that he is innocent, but is being set up as a scapegoat to minimise the psychological scars of an Israeli nation that does not understand or admit the fallibility of its own "security" systems.

The dilemma is purely an American one, and it is up to every American citizen, here in Jordan, throughout the Middle East and all across the United States, to ponder the details of this case for a few moments. It is the moral fibre of the United States that is on trial in this case.

One wonders: What would be the aim of the American public and the great orchestrators of moral indignity if the being held in a Chicago jail were not a 20-year-old Palestinian, but an older man with a name: Andrei Sakharov? What, one wonders with passion, would the American reaction be if a Soviet Jewish activist who was wanted in Moscow for a bombing in which he was implicated the strength of a confession written in UK by a police interrogator and signed in Russian by a prisoner who does not read or write UK? Would we then hear about the secret? Can tradition of safeguarding the rights of innocent until proven guilty? Of the missibility in a court of law of evidence under duress? Of the total inviolability principle of the due process of law?

The particular fate of Ziad Abu 'Ein is a general validity of American constitutional guards are deeply meshed in this case. It is appropriate to ask our American friends: treatment of Ziad Abu 'Ein is in keeping with the letter of the law and the spirit of morality? Are told are the underpinnings of America? We also wonder how it is that the United States wishes to help assure Palestinian legitimacy in Palestine when it cannot assure Palestinian individuals' American constitutional rights United States itself.

We would like to know: does America exclude Palestinians who are accused of crime? And if it does, is the Arab and the World being asked to help to liberate Afghanistan? So that the Afghan people can institute political and legal system such as Ziad Abu 'Ein dealing with this week?

These are the difficult questions that American citizens have to come to grips with. The cutting edge of history, where fabulous pot of freedom and justice are put to their test, and where hundreds of years of struggle safeguard American ideals of individual and equal justice for all come crashing Zionism's surrealistic nationalism, who ignores no frontiers, ethical codes or boundaries where the reality of the Palestinian nation is concerned. We expect the last make mincemeat of American law. I shocked, however, when Americans then do the same. So is Ziad Abu 'Ein, I'm sure, in the rights of the Palestinians. After all, American president cannot assure Palestinian rights in Chicago, what makes him think he better in Nablus or Nazareth?

Handiwork

WHAT EVER happened to Arab and Islamic solidarity? The picture ones gains these days on touring the horizon of the Arab and Islamic world is one of internecine—and, one can't help but feel, quite unnecessary—strife. By far the most alarming instance of this is the gathering storm between Iraq and Iran. But, almost anywhere one looks, from Western Sahara to Afghanistan, civil and factional strife seems to be the order of the day. Tragically, too much of this friction has exploded into bloodshed; other disputes, such as attempts by the Arab steadfastness front to agree on the time and place of its next summit meeting, would not be so serious were they not so symbolic of the volatility which is seemingly endemic to this region.

The trouble is that this volatility only induces vulnerability. This prevalent internecine strife not only threatens to throw out the window all the accomplishments of the past year and a half towards building genuine unity and solidarity across the Islamic World, but exposes this region to external pressures which are already to be seen at work in the all too untidy affairs of the Arab and Islamic countries.

The corollary danger here is that Islamic states such as Iran may be lulled into either insensitivity or a false sense of security by their own propaganda. The very real facts of outside involvement in the affairs of this region—from the Americans in Iran to the Russians in Afghanistan—are insufficient excuses for any failure to put—and keep—their own houses in order. Their heightened appreciation of the unsettling consequences of outside intervention—real or threatened, old imperialist or new—has not been matched by an equally heightened appreciation of the need to eliminate the type of discord on which imperialism preys. The result is that they do the imperialists' work for them, while the imperialists, and their local clients, reap the advantages.

The Egyptian-Israeli treaty may have driven a wedge into the Arab World, as it was intended to do, but was it not agreed at Baghdad and Tunis that the consensus against that divisive act must be strengthened? The Iranian revolution may have been a blow to superpower interference in the region, but what is to be gained from threats by Iran against Iraq? The Islamabad conference may have put up a common front against Soviet expansionism in Afghanistan, but how quickly might that force be dissipated by inter-Islamic quarrelling? Foreign hands are undoubtedly at work in all this. But why should one play right into those hands?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The seminar on the rationalisation of consumption means that the call for such an effort is not just a fad, and not a cover-up for the burdens which the government has been compelled to pass along to the citizens due to the increase in energy prices. It is a philosophy which has its social and economic dimensions, and which calls for the contribution of both the public and private sectors and the public at large to achieve equilibrium in our society.

The acceptance of the philosophy needs awareness, patriotic feeling and insight—which develop through action and practical commitment. The rationalisation of consumption has a broad base in our society, and narrow and timely considerations should not prevent it from becoming our course of action. It should be pursued out of faith and commitment to this philosophy.

The attainment of equilibrium and the elimination of disparities through conviction and loyalty constitute a collective responsibility in which the public sector has a role in the field of expenditure, taxes, customs, etc. The private sector's role is to improve production both quantitatively and qualitatively. The consumer also has a role within the framework of these new concepts, in which he should believe—by transcending selfishness and competitive consumption.

AL DUSTOUR: The step taken by the Faculty of Economics and Commerce at the University of Jordan in holding a seminar on the rationalisation of consumption places the university in the thick of the problems from which our society suffers, and establishes its intellectual and scientific mission by this contribution to finding the solutions to these problems.

The rationalisation of consumption—which has become one of the most important foundations of the economic policy of Sharif Abdul Hamid's government—is not a "slogan" put forward for discussion; it is a serious call to change our modes of behaviour and reduce excessive consumption in a society which suffers from a lack of production of consumer goods and depends to a large extent on imports. Such excess must be rejected in a country which has limited resources and bears huge pan-Arab responsibilities.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Arabic Lecture

The Spanish Cultural Centre presents a lecture by Prof. Mahmoud Subeh on "Ibn Zeidoun—the Poet of Cordoba", at the Centre on Jabal Amman at 6:30 p.m.

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Israel breaks up W. Bank demos

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 9 (Agencies) — Israeli troops today broke up a Palestinian demonstration and a sit-in strike in the West Bank and arrested seven Arab students.

In Ramallah, scores of high school and college students staged a protest demonstration on the 32nd anniversary of the Deir Yassin massacre, commemorating the slaying of over two hundred Arab villagers by two Zionist terrorist organisations. The students blocked a road, burnt tires and hurled stones at Israeli vehicles.

The demonstration was also to show solidarity with Mayors

Korim Khalaf of Ramallah and Ibrahim Tawil of Al Bireh who were acquitted today of charges arising from a scuffle in November 1978 with police outside a courtroom where West Bank Arabs were contesting the expropriation of their land.

Israeli police arrested seven students from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) teachers training college near Ramallah after the troops moved in and broke up the protest.

Meanwhile, students at the Abu Dis University in East Jerusalem and a number of supporters staged

a sit-down strike in protest against the Israeli occupation authorities' order to close the institution.

About 100 students and West Bank Arabs entered a building on campus which has been declared off limits to the students. The purpose of the sit-in was to protest the closure of the only Arab institute of higher education in Jerusalem.

Israeli troops recorded the names of the strikers and then ordered them to leave. There were no incidents, an Israeli military spokesman said. He said charges would be pressed against the Arabs for demonstrating illegally, but no arrests were made at the scene.

Khalaf, Tawil acquitted in court scuffle case

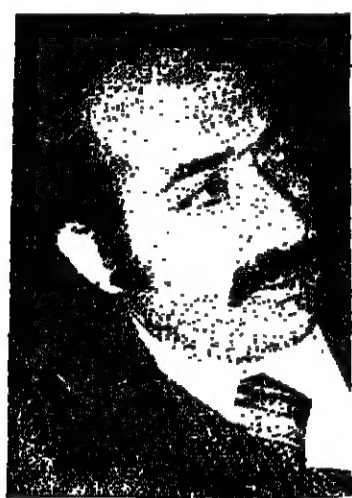
OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 9 (Agencies) — The Jerusalem magistrate's court yesterday acquitted two mayors of towns on the Israeli-occupied West Bank who were charged with causing a public disturbance.

Ramallah Mayor Korim Khalaf and Al Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil were charged by the Israeli police with causing a scuffle in the Jerusalem supreme court in November, 1978.

The scuffle took place outside a supreme court hearing in which West Bank landowners contested the expropriation of Arab land around an Israeli army camp north of Jerusalem. The two mayors tried to enter the crowded courtroom, but were turned away because the gallery was packed with spectators. When they requested that they be allowed to enter, a scuffle broke out, and a police officer sprayed them with tear gas.

They were eventually permitted to enter the courtroom after several landowners gave them their seats.

According to the police, the mayors struck policemen. But Jus-



Mr. Ibrahim Tawil



Mr. Korim Khalaf

Papers treat many aspects of consumption at seminar

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA)—The seminar on the rationalisation of consumption resumed its sessions at the Faculty of Economics and Commerce of the University of Jordan this morning.

The Director General of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation presented a paper on the cooperative movement and the parallel market. He emphasised the role of the parallel market in eliminating monopolies and price manipulation.

Dr. Sa'd Shammout of the Ministry of Agriculture then presented a paper on food security and agriculture. He said the increase in population necessitates parallel increase in the volume of agricultural resources to prevent dependency on the outside for basic food needs.

The Director of the Statistics Department, Dr. Burhan Shraydeh, stressed that the shortfall in the volume of production and the lack of sufficient manpower in the productive sectors are among the most important reasons for the rationalisation of consumption. He noted the importance of directing labour in Jordan towards productive work.

Dr. Ahmad Al Faqih of the University of Jordan spoke about the necessity for greater concern with agricultural research programmes. He called for the use of modern technology in agricultural projects and said there was a pressing need for experimental studies on making use of the vast unexploited areas of land in Jordan.

The Under-secretary of the Labour Ministry, Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, spoke about the public sector's role in rationalising consumption, while Mr. Jamil Barakat explained the private sector's role.

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of

Jordan, Dr. Subhi Al Qasem, spoke on the role of consumer protection societies in the rationalisation of consumption.

The study emphasised the extent of Jordan's need to establish consumer protection societies as a force to help both the public and private sectors by alleviating the conflict between merchants and producers of goods and services on one hand and of consumers on the other.

Dr. Saleh Khasawneh, the director general of the Income Tax Department, spoke in his turn about the role of taxation in rationalising consumption. He said taxes are among the fiscal policy tools employed by the government.

Dr. Khasawneh said the role of taxation in rationalising consumption comes in either directly, by reducing income and decreasing the purchasing power of consumers, or indirectly through public spending policies. Revenues from taxes enable the government to extend goods and public services.

At the end of today's session, Mrs. Hilweh Malhas and Mrs. Munawwar Khrais from the Housewives' society presented a paper on the role of housewives in rationalising consumption. They attached special importance to the role of housewives, especially in view of the progressive increases in consumption and prices which place a burden on the budgets of middle and limited income groups in particular. They attributed this to the prevalence of unhealthy social habits and hypocrisy.

Today's session was chaired by the Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Qasem Al Rimawi. The Minister of Social Development, Mrs. In'am Mufti, the President of the University of Jordan, Dr. Nasreddin Al Assad and others attended.

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — Jordan will take part in the 33rd meeting of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which will open in Geneva on May 5, a Health Ministry spokesman said today. Among the subjects to be discussed at the meeting, he said, are the possibility of transferring the WHO regional office from Alexandria, Egypt to another country in the Middle East, health conditions of people in the occupied Arab territories and means of preventing contagious diseases as well as working out a WHO health strategy to last until the year 2000. The Minister of Health, Dr. Zuhair Malhas, will lead Jordan's delegation to the three-week meeting.

IRBID, April 9 (JNA) — The Water Supply corporation (WSC) yesterday announced the completion of a water project in the northern Badia region near the district governorate of Mafrqa. A WSC spokesman said the project involved constructing three water towers in two bedouin settlements and laying a 12-kilometre stretch of water pipeline in the region. The water collected in the three towers, he said, should be enough for 15 villages in addition to the bedouin settlements.

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — The possibility of building a factory for the manufacture of baby food in Jordan was discussed at a meeting here yesterday between Minister of Social Development In'am Mufti and two United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) officials visiting Jordan. The two UNICEF officials, who arrived here from Beirut on Monday for a visit to last several days, said after the meeting that a special joint committee will be set up to investigate the feasibility of such a project.

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — A number of Arab countries have approached the Civil Status Department in Amman for assistance in setting up similar systems for their citizens, the department's director, Mr. Rifa'i Al Hazaymeh, said yesterday. He said requests to this effect came from Kuwait, Bahrain, and the Yemen Arab Republic. According to Mr. Hazaymeh, a U.N. report on the department's system described it as one of the best in the world. Mr. Hazaymeh said nearly two and a half million people in the East Bank are registered with the department, and that a very small number have neither registered nor applied for the department's identity card. He warned that those still without the card will be prosecuted.

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — Jordan's exports to Syria last year increased by 13 per cent over the 1978 figures, a bulletin issued by the department of statistics said here. It said that Jordan exported to Syria in 1979 products worth JD 10.853 million, as compared with JD 9.663 in the previous year. The main items exported were vegetables and fruit, furniture, medicine and soap, the bulletin said.

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — Jordanian products exported via Aqaba in the first two months of this year registered an increase of 15,313 tonnes over figures of 1979, a spokesman for the Aqaba port authority said yesterday. He said products, mostly phosphates, exported in January and February 1980 totalled 551,970 against 398,839 over the same period in the previous year.

AMMAN, April 9 (JNA) — Baghdad Municipality is donating one million garbage bags to Amman municipality. A municipality source said the bags are made in Iraq.

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Meet the minister: Jamal Sha'er

Bringing the ordinary people into government

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Times Staff Reporter

April 9 — After 28 years of gynaeology, one man now every minute of his new member of the cabinet is Sha'er, Minister of Rural Affairs and Environment.

Sha'er told the Jordanian press in an interview, "to sit for 22 years discussing the same old and a half million is more than sitting on a cushion for 34 years."

Sha'er, a Salti with a sense of humour and a stubborn streak, the Irish (his wife in fact Dublin), brings to the cabinet ideas consistent with the government's aims to assist ordinary people, particularly, women for the first time — into actively participating in some form of local government.

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In so doing he hopes to convince citizens first hand of the need to

participate with government officials in building up local services and educational and employment facilities for both sexes, and thereby to discourage the departure of young men in particular to the large towns where they become just a few more among the thousands of landless workers.

The need for a more balanced development of the whole country resulted two years ago in the establishment of the higher ministerial committee for regional planning, headed by the prime minister with a technical sub-committee headed by the minister of municipal and rural affairs.

This committee supervised the setting up of a planning group for the country's most densely populated region, Amman — the Amman Urban Region Planning Group (AURPG). A massive volume of draft proposals for the region prepared by AURPG's Jordanian and foreign consultants is currently being revised by a series of government committees. The proposals, in their final form, will later this year be incorporated into the country's next five-year plan.

The score of Jordanians who worked on the plan for Amman are to be transferred to the department for regional planning set up on April 1 within the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs. The director of the AURPG, Mr. Ghaleb Baqa'in, is to head the department.

The Irbid region is now under study with the assistance of Japanese planners and other regions are on the way to being planned, the minister explained.

The work of the new directorate of the environment forms an integral part of regional planning and on each of the minister's trips into the country, a group of representatives from this directorate accompany him to assess the needs to each area and discuss remedies with the people, who have hitherto ignored ecology problems. Among legislation the minister hopes to see passed by the National Consultative Council shortly, are laws relating to the protection of coastal areas, protection of land being encroached upon by deserts or urbanisation, the creation of national parks and reserves and the control of pollution from industrial waste.

To this end, the ministry will coordinate activities of other relevant agencies, most notably the National Planning Council and the Royal Society for the Con-

servation of Nature. Both these agencies are helping to define the concept of the environment directorate, whose personnel at present number about a dozen.

As Dr. Sha'er observed, "even the staff were not aware of the importance of the environment before, but the idea of ecology is now growing so fast that one day we may have a special ministry devoted just to it." Mr. Sa'dallah Nuri Sa'dallah, the director general of environment, has recently been to the United Kingdom as a guest of the British government to see how environmental problems are tackled there.

Other departments within the ministry are concerned with engineering projects, management, services relating to buying, zoning and dividing lands and furthering elected councils. At present only male citizens over the age of 25 who pay municipal taxes are entitled to vote in municipal and rural elections in any part of the country outside the municipality of Amman. The present government proposes to amend this law within the next few

months to give the right to vote to all citizens over the age of 18. Amman Municipality is unique in not having had elections for more than 20 years. The mayor and eleven councillors are all appointed to serve a population which now numbers nearly 700,000. This system of appointments was devised to avoid dragging political issues into municipal problems, Dr. Sha'er explained, since people in different parts of Amman face such diverse problems that they could only have united in voting on political issues.

The government is now working on a plan to divide Amman into several small municipalities which would have elected councils, presided over by the mayor who would still be appointed. The idea, which Dr. Sha'er said has in fact been brewing for the last ten years, is to divide Amman into sub-municipalities (using the present zoning system as a guideline) which would be more homogeneous socially, economically and culturally. Since the residents of one sector of the capital might be chiefly concerned with beautifying their area, for example, while residents of another area may be more concerned with issues such as the availability of basic services, they would vote on the issues affecting their own areas. The mayor would be the man to coordinate services in all areas and allocate funds provided chiefly by the wealthier sectors, Dr. Sha'er suggests.

Although, he points out that "we have to proceed on the political road towards democracy with extreme care," he hopes to see such an electoral system inaugurated during the lifetime of the present government. "I have two big enthusiasms — the environment and this," he said.

Another important issue is how to increase efficiency, whether within the ministry, in co-ordination between the ministry and the municipal and rural councils and in the functioning of the councils themselves, Dr. Sha'er said.

The rural councils in particular, with their often not very well educated representatives, need closer supervision by the ministry's inspection and follow-up department, Dr. Sha'er observed. This department, like all others in the ministry, needs reactivating, since enthusiasm has waned over the years.

The whole question of how one evaluates a civil servant has to be re-examined, Dr. Sha'er maintains, so that each employee can "perform his task efficiently, enthusiastically and with a clean mind and hands." This policy is, of course, shared by all his colleagues, he added, and any necessary pruning of ministry personnel is to be

done slowly and not in a peremptory manner.

The present emphasis on seniority, and on academic qualifications which often has little meaning since degrees obtained in different countries and from different institutions within the same country vary greatly — should give way to emphasis on efficiency and enthusiasm. Only when both these qualities are present in candidates should seniority decide the issue of promotion.

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Economic News Briefs

Taiwan negotiates Mexican oil purchase

TAIPEI, April 9 (R) -- Taiwan is negotiating with Mexico for the direct purchase of crude oil to ease its supply problems, the president of the Chinese Petroleum Corporation T.H. Lee said today.

Mr. Lee, who returned here yesterday from initial negotiations in Mexico, said that the only problem in buying the Mexican crude was transportation costs because large tankers could not pass through the Panama Canal. "We have to think of better ways of transporting the crude before we decide to buy oil from Mexico directly," he said.

Taiwan is facing an acute cut in its supply after an announcement by Kuwait that it will halve its daily shipment of 80,000 barrels to 40,000 barrels. A vice-president of the state-owned company is now in Kuwait negotiating with the authorities there.

Mexico is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) but it has followed the pricing of OPEC in the past. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia now supply more than 80 per cent of Taiwan's total oil imports.

Iran raises daily oil output to 3m barrels

TEHRAN, April 9 (R) -- Iranian oil output averaged more than three million barrels a day in the past four days, Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moirfar said yesterday. This is higher than had been expected, oil industry sources said in London, adding they had heard Iran was down to 2.4 million barrels daily last month.

Mr. Moirfar was asked at a news conference about recent output and, in reply, offered statistics to show daily average from April 4 to April 7 was just above 3.01 million barrels. He also said Iran would keep to a previously announced plan to produce this volume of oil throughout 1980.

London oil industry analysts said that, if Iran does meet this target, the world's oil supply-demand balance later in the year might be slightly less tight than had generally been predicted following recent production cuts by other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

UNCTAD fund issue still unresolved

GENEVA, April 9 (R) -- A top United Nations official said here yesterday that failure to resolve differences on a proposed \$750 million fund to finance international commodity pacts could have serious consequences for relations between rich and poor states. U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Secretary General Gamani Corea was speaking at the opening of a two-week session of a 100-nation (UNCTAD) committee.

The committee's main task is to complete articles concerning the fund's financial structure and its mode of operations, so that the full text of the accord can be adopted at a four-day conference at the end of next month.

Industrialised and developing states reached agreement on the basic elements of the fund a year ago, but the committee has made slow progress in four drafting sessions since then.

A major function of the proposed fund would be to provide resources totalling \$400 million to purchase buffer stocks of various commodities, including cocoa, built up when prices fell and released when they rose, to keep the ranges within agreed limits. The fund would also have a second facility with target resources of \$350 million to finance research and development, and schemes to improve productivity, marketing and diversification. Mr. Corea said yesterday if differences over the fund remained unresolved there was a danger these issues would become interwoven with other negotiations on North-South economic relations.

'Main worry is oil supplies'

LONDON, April 9 (R) -- In the 1980s the world is likely to find itself more worried about the supply of oil than the price, although that will continue to rise, according to expert analysts of the oil market. "Increasingly, the principal worry will be supply, not price," said the Bankers Trust Company in its latest study of energy trends published early this month.

It followed a warning by the Saudi Oil Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, that industrial countries could not expect Saudi Arabia to continue indefinitely using its huge production to stave off a real energy crisis. He spoke of an "unrealistic and sacrificial attitude" on Saudi Arabia's part.

The oil industry calculates that Saudi Arabia could in theory cut its present 9.5 million barrels a day production by about half and not suffer undue financial strain. "The mind boggles," one oil company executive said, when asked to speculate on the impact on the economies of the western world of the loss of that volume of Saudi oil.

Saudi policy is at present aimed at stabilising the oil market, according to Sheikh Yamani, who said that at least until July the kingdom would continue pro-

ducing 9.5 million barrels a day. But other OPEC members are trimming production, maintaining revenues by the simple device of charging more through higher official prices or special premiums, for less oil.

Iran raised its price by \$2.5 a barrel from April 1. Kuwait is another example. It cut output by one quarter to 1.5 million barrels a day on the same date, then sought what industry sources said is a \$5.50 a barrel premium on half the oil it sells to its biggest customers, Royal Dutch Shell, British Petroleum and Gulf Oil.

Alarmed by what happened in Iran, Gulf producers are increasingly content to leave their oil to grow in value in the ground, rather than spend billions of petrodollars on extremely rapid and potentially disruptive industrial change, diplomats with knowledge of the Middle East report.

According to Ahmed Saeed, OPEC chief of research, western Europe will in 1985 be finding it difficult to meet its oil needs. Even when rising North Sea and Mexican output is taken into account, the Bankers Trust predicts that "over the next three to five years... there may be a shortage of oil necessary to support reasonable rates of economic growth in oil-importing countries."

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, APRIL 9 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion market today:

One sterling	2.1760/20	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1800/10	Canadian dollar
	1.8930/60	West German marks
	2.0700/50	Dutch guilders
	1.7850/7900	Swiss francs
	30.30/40	Belgian francs
	4.3725/75	French francs
	879.00/881.00	Italian lire
	253.00/254.00	Japanese yen
	4.3660/80	Swedish crowns
	5.0605/25	Norwegian crowns
	5.8675/8760	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	547.00/550.00	U.S. dollars

London Stock Market

LONDON, April 9 (R) -- The market closed higher after moderate activity, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 33.430.0.

Long dated government bonds ended as much as 1/2 point firmer, but gains in shorts were limited to 1/4 point owing to sales of the 13-1/4 per cent exchequer 1983 "tap" stock by government broker. Oil was a firm feature of equities in reaction to yesterday's losses. Gold shares were up to 3-1/2 dollars strong with the bullion price.

U.S. and Canadian stocks were generally higher. Tricentrol and Ultramar added 14p and 12p respectively. Gal of between 8p and 10p were registered in BP, Shell and Birm. Bowater rose 7p and Rascal 5p. ICI, GKN, Hawker, T. Investments and Metal Box all firmed 2p. Results left Gill & Duffus 6p higher but Guardian Royal 8p weaker.

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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Oklahoma tennis tourney results

TULSA, Oklahoma April 9 (AP) — First-seeded Pat Dupre defeated Cassio Motta 6-2, 7-6, on a windy second day of elimination play in a grand prix tennis tourney late yesterday afternoon. Dupre, born in Belgium, overpowered Motta with several aces and fought off a second game rally to advance into tomorrow's second round where he will play Van Winitsky.

Third-seeded Bob Lutz advanced with a quick 6-1, 6-4, win over John Austin. Second-seeded John Alexander of Australia defeated Dave Parker, 7-6, 6-4 in a match of serve and volley tennis.

Trey Waltke defeated fourth-seeded Vince Van Patten, 6-3, 6-3. While Howard Schoenfeld dispatched fifth-seeded Tom Gorman, 6-2, 6-4. Seventh-seeded Tim Wilkison had to go three sets before edging Warren Maher, of Doncaster, Australia 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Sixth-seeded Bruce Manson ousted Matt Woolridge, 6-3, 6-2. Steve Krulvitz won a straight-set victory over David Carter of Budaberg, Australia, 6-3, 6-4. Australian John James defeated Cary Stansbury, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3 and countryman Steve Docherty defeated Mark Turpin, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The tournament continues all week at Shadow Mountain Racquet Club with semifinals Saturday and finals Sunday. Play is sponsored by the Bank of Oklahoma.

Polugaevsky, Huebner lead in chess tourney

MOSCOW, April 9 (R) — Soviet grandmaster Lev Polugaevsky retained his two-game lead over compatriot Mikhail Tal when they drew the sixth game in their world chess championship quarter final in Alma Ata yesterday.

The game ended at the 40th move, leaving Polugaevsky leading 4-2. Tal has yet to win a game. The winner of the clash will play Soviet exile Viktor Korchnoi in the semi-finals.

Meanwhile at Bad Lauterberg West German Robert Huebner and Hungarian Andras Adorjan drew the ninth game of their world chess championship candidates quarter-final match here last night. The result of the game left Dr. Huebner leading by five points to four and needing only a draw in the last of the 10-game series to qualify for the semi-finals.

Liverpool advances to Division One title

LONDON, April 9 (R) — Colin Irwin, a 22-year-old reserve defender, helped champions Liverpool move four points clear of Manchester United in the English Division One title chase by scoring in the 3-0 home defeat of Derby yesterday night.

Irwin, deputising for the injured Alan Kennedy, put Liverpool ahead in the 20th minute. England international David Johnson added a second in the 49th minute and a Keith Osgood own goal sealed Derby's fate. Both Liverpool and Manchester United have five league matches left.

Sunderland are the new leaders of the second division after their 2-1 away win at Shrewsbury. Bryan Robson's 18th goal of the season and a Stan Cummins free kick earned them a maximum six-point haul over Easter.

In Scotland Premier Division leaders Celtic suffered their second successive defeat, losing 3-0 away to Dundee United. They hold a five-point lead over Aberdeen, who have played two games fewer.

Swiss crosses Alps in hang glider

ALTENDORF, Switzerland, April 9 (AP) — A 40-year-old Swiss yesterday claimed to have become the first person to cross the Alps in a motorised hang glider, fighting strong winds and an engine that faltered briefly.

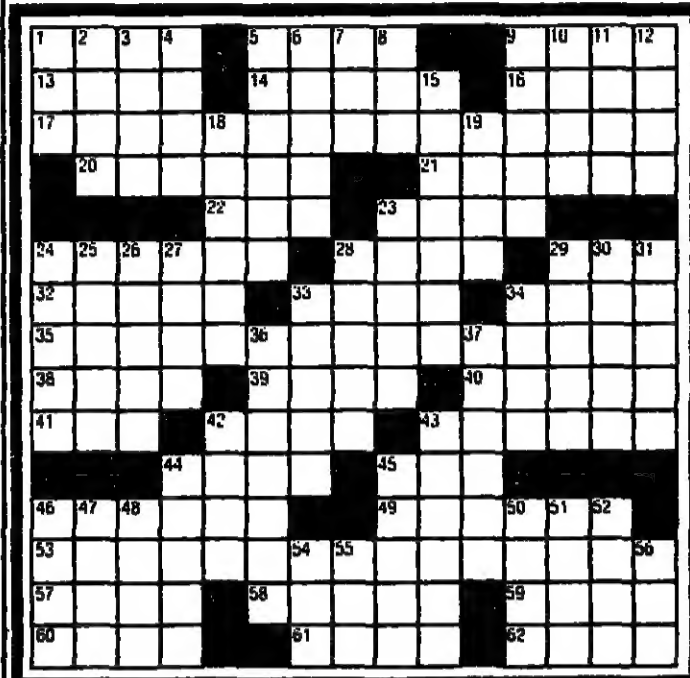
Marco Broggi piloted his 33-pound hang glider from Altendorf in central Switzerland over the Gotthard pass to Ambriopio in the south of the country in 135 minutes to gain his place in the record books.

At one point the 15 horsepower engine sputtered and briefly gave out about two kilometres above the ground. As he prepared to land near Ambriopio, in one of Switzerland's mildest regions, Broggi was caught in 55-KPH winds which drove him toward the ground. He recovered and landed safely.

Broggi, who spent months preparing for the historic flight, returned almost immediately to Salzburg, Austria, where he lives with his Austrian wife.

THE Daily Crossword by Jack L. Steinhardt

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96

his remaining cards, conceding down one.
This was the treasure that declarer threw away:

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♦ —
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♦ 10
♦ K
EAST
♦ J
♥ —
♦ —
♦ 85
WEST
♦ —
♥ J
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♦ J
SOUTH
♦ 5
♥ —
♦ —
♦ 96

Suppose South exits with the five of spades. If West discards one of the red jacks, dummy throws the other red ten and takes the last two tricks. So, West must pitch the jack of clubs. Now declarer jettisons dummy's king of clubs (1), and East must lead from his eight-five of clubs into South's nine-six.

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Epidemic feared as conditions worsen Cubans crammed inside Peru's embassy threaten to organise hunger strike

HAVANA, April 9 (R) — Thousands of Cubans crammed inside Peru's embassy in Havana have threatened to go on hunger strike.

The threat, they said, was aimed at drawing world attention to their demand to leave Cuba and the appalling conditions they are living in five days after they began flooding into the embassy grounds.

They sent off petitions at the same time to Pope John Paul asking him to help find a solution and to President Carter appealing to him to grant them visas to enter the United States.

Similar appeals went to Venezuela, Costa Rica, Spain and Peru, itself now planning to ask its Andean allies for help in coping with the crisis.

The Cubans poured into the embassy last week when Cuban President Fidel Castro withdrew guards from the building after a series of attempts by would-be refugees to crash their cars onto embassy grounds.

Conditions now are deteriorating. Hundreds of small children, many of them naked, lie in their own excrement and urine. Lavatories are inadequate and the fetid smell makes fears of an epidemic ever stronger.

Cuba has said the refugees can leave as soon as another country gives them entry visas. Peru said last night it could take only some of them.

Dr. Castro has ordered food supplies sent to them but some have refused to eat them as they come from the Cuban Government.

The move by the refugees to start a hunger strike appeared to put what had been a sporadic protest on an organised basis.

An emotional attack on the refugees was blasted out from the loudspeakers of a sound truck which toured Havana's Miramar section, where the embassy is situated.

France accelerates nuclear power plans

PARIS, April 9 (R) — France is stepping up its construction of nuclear power stations in a bid to cut its dependence on imported oil.

The programme, also designed to help restore an increasingly adverse trade balance, has been undeterred by ecologists' protests. New plants being built include plutonium-fuelled fast breeders.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's government has just unveiled a plan entailing unprecedented investments aimed at reducing the contribution of oil to only one-third of the total energy requirement by the end of the decade, compared with two-thirds five years ago.

Under the plan, the share of different sources of energy by 1990 is as follows: oil 30 per cent compared with 56 per cent in 1979; coal and gas 30 per cent (unchanged from last year); nuclear power 30 per cent from 4.5 per cent in 1979; other sources including hydro-electric power ten per cent, an increase of 0.5 per cent over 1979.

Barring any new oil price rises this year, France's energy import bill including oil, gas and coal is estimated at \$24 billion, compared with \$18 billion last year.

The French face a record trade deficit approaching \$11 billion this year, largely due to higher oil and raw material prices and a sharp appreciation of the dollar, government officials said.

Industry Minister Andre Giscard said nuclear plants will be built along the Channel coast, in the Gironde valley of south-west France, on the Franco-German border, in the Rhone valley of central France and even close to the Riviera as well as near Paris.

"There is no alternative to nuclear energy to safeguard France's independence as an atomic power and industrial nation," he said.

ated, last night. The message demanded that "the bums, anti-social elements, delinquents and trash get out of Cuba."

Cuba has offered safe conduct passes to the refugees to leave the embassy until their time comes to leave the country. Three thousand have been issued by the government in an apparent attempt to relieve the conditions in the compound.

Meanwhile, Peru planned to appeal to its Andean Pact allies today for help in coping with the thousands of Cubans crowded into its Havana embassy.

Peruvian Foreign Minister Arturo Garcia told reporters last night that Peru would only be able to grant visas to some of the Cubans. He called on other countries to do the same.

Peru called an emergency meeting of foreign ministers of the five-nation Andean Pact, which groups Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador and Colombia, for today to discuss the crisis.

Mr. Garcia said that Cuba had turned down an offer of immediate help from the International Red Cross, arguing that it was already providing the Cubans with food and medicine.

The Peruvian Red Cross, which has been ready to send food,

medicine and medical teams to Havana for the past two days, was still awaiting clearance from the Havana authorities.

Mr. Garcia said other international aid organisations approached by the Peruvian Government had also agreed to help. "They are only waiting for a green light from the Cuban Government," he said.

Three Peruvian diplomats left today for Havana to reinforce the embassy staff, at present reduced to a single official, and to start taking a census of the would-be emigrants.

Today's Andean Pact meeting was expected to reaffirm its members' conception of the right of political asylum, which lies at the heart of the dispute.

Cuba has accused Peru and Venezuela of legalising crime by giving diplomatic protection to Cubans who forced their way into their embassies to seek asylum.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jose Zambrano said yesterday that there were 15 Cubans in the Venezuelan embassy in Havana waiting for safe conducts to leave the country.

He also said that Venezuela would promote a common defence of the right to asylum at the Andean Pact meeting.

Bhutto's widow, daughter expect more harassment

KARACHI, Pakistan, April 9 (R) — The widow and daughter of executed Pakistan prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto emerged today from six months under house arrest and braced themselves for a new conflict with the country's army rulers.

Iranian-born Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto and Miss Benazir Bhutto, freed last night after 180 days confinement, said they expected further harassment as the regime

delved into the ex-premier's financial affairs.

The government of army chief General Muhammad Zia ul Haq had started proceedings for income tax evasion against Mr. Bhutto's estate and was basing its assessment on the ex-premier's official expenses, including the cost of petrol he used in his capacity as head of government. Mrs. Bhutto said.

The ex-premier was hanged in Rawalpindi jail 12 months ago for ordering a political assassination.

The two women, detained last Oct. 16 when General Zia cancelled promised elections, said they spent much of their time in detention tilling their vegetable garden and tending their animals.

Oxford-educated Miss Bhutto said their detention had strengthened their resolve to fight for Mr. Bhutto's democratic ideals.

She added that she did not fear further arrest as a result of the government's ban on political activity. Months of detention and harassment had built up resistance to pain and fear, she said.

But the two women, who symbolise popular opposition to the

Heavy fighting resumes in Chad capital despite ceasefire accord

N'DJAMENA, April 9 (Agencies) — Heavy fighting broke out again in this embattled capital city of Chad today despite a truce signed yesterday by the rival armies fighting for power.

Shelling and bombing resumed early this morning in many areas of the capital after a quiet which had led to hopes that yesterday's ceasefire was going to hold.

Fighting in N'Djamena today went into its 18th day as forces loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei battled with those of Defence Minister Hissene Habre. So far about 800 people have been killed and 2,000 wounded.

The fighting was particularly intense in the northeast area of the town close to a French air force base where 1,100 French combat troops are stationed.

The ceasefire, arranged by Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema during a two-day mediation earlier this week, became effective at noon yesterday.

The streets of N'Djamena were deserted yesterday as refugees waited to be sure the truce

would stick before thinking of returning home.

Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Secretary-General Edem Kodjo of Togo arrived yesterday in an attempt to make sure the truce, the fifth attempt since the fighting began last month, will stick.

A special military commission of two senior officers each from Nigeria, Cameroon, Liberia and Togo was due to meet with representatives of the two rival armies to draw up ceasefire lines with a non-man's land in between.

The latest fighting has left vast tracts of N'Djamena in rubble and sent more than 70,000 residents fleeing to neighbouring Cameroon. But neither side made strategic headway and the rough line dividing the northern side of the city controlled by Mr. Goukouni and the southern side held by Mr. Habre remains basically unchanged.

Meanwhile, Togo's President Eyadema is travelling to Lagos today to discuss peace moves in Chad with Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, informed sources said.

Unions in New York strike fined \$1m

NEW YORK, April 9 (R) — A judge yesterday imposed a \$1 million fine on the unions representing 33,500 New York City transport workers who walked off their jobs eight days ago, halting America's biggest public transit system.

But after State Supreme Court Judge John Monteleone imposed the fine and ordered that it be paid within a week, union leaders vowed that the strike would continue.

The judge declared that the strike by locals of the Transport Workers Union and the Amalgamated Transit Union was illegal and warned that he would impose more fines if the walkout did not end immediately.

The strike was forced millions

of New Yorkers and commuters to find alternate means of getting to work. The city's streets have been jammed with extra cars, bicyclists, joggers, skaters, hitchhikers and just plain pedestrians since the walkout started on April 1.

Judge Monteleone's order came after several days of hearings to determine if the strike violated New York state's Taylor Law, which prohibits strikes by public employees. He found that it did and added: "In this light the court directs that the unions instruct their members to go back to work and to leave negotiations to those having special skills in the art of collective bargaining."

Outside the court, Mr. John Lawe, president of Local 100 of the Transport Workers Union,

with the Sind high court in December, challenging their arrest as illegal on the grounds that the government had given no reason.

Only one political leader now remains in detention. He is retired air marshal Asghar Khan, head of the centrist Tehrik Istiqal party, who is also appealing his arrest.

Pope announces France visit

VATICAN CITY, April 9 (R) — Pope John Paul announced today that he would visit France from May 30 to June 2, staying mostly in Paris.

The Pope told a crowd in St. Peter's Square that during the visit he would address the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). He said he would make the address to the Paris-based organisation on June 2.

"It will be a rapid trip during which I will have in my heart... the aspirations of all the inhabitants of the dear and noble French nation and also the high aims pursued by UNESCO," he added.

He insisted that his trip, like previous journeys, would be "apostolic and pastoral" in nature.

The journey to France will be the Pope's sixth trip outside Italy since he was elected in October 1978.

He has made trips to the Dominican Republic and Mexico, Ireland and the United States, Turkey, and his native country, Poland. He is due to go to Africa on May 10 for ten days.

In Paris, the Pope is expected to confer with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who met the Pontiff in the Vatican on Oct. 26, 1978.

The Pope's address to UNESCO is likely to stress his desire to establish closer ties between the church and latest developments in modern science and culture.

Hungary's leader clears way for economic reform

By Tom Heneghan

BUDAPEST. — Any communist leader who can joke about how workers cheat their bosses, deplore the murder of a Catholic archbishop and compare his government to Moses must be extremely sure of his position. Hungary's Mr. Janos Kadar apparently is.

The 67-year old leader touched on these and other issues — hardly standard fare for Soviet bloc leaders — in a lively off-the-cuff speech wrapping up his party's national congress here.

Sometimes serious, sometimes side-splitting, the two-and-a-half-hour address showed why Mr. Kadar, who came to power

denounced as Moscow's puppet after the Soviet army crushed a bloody uprising in 1956, has become the most popular leader in the Soviet bloc.

His message was not funny. Hungary's economic policies, which call for lower growth rates, stagnating living standards and harder work, sound like a communist version of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's austerity programmes.

But Mr. Kadar, a modest man of peasant stock who believes in plain talk about the country's economic problems, has made a convincing case for the necessary belt-tightening. Few Hungarians seem to disagree with it.

He also managed at the four-day congress to clear the Communist Party's ruling politburo of the last vestiges of opposition to his economic plans. Five members, including two lingering sym-

bols of the hard line in Hungary, were dismissed.

In his closing speech on March 27, Mr. Kadar repeated the congress theme that Hungary must work harder, but lightened the burden by recounting the tricks he and his friends used in the 1930s to spread around what little work could be found.

He accepted Prime Minister Gyorgy Lazar's frank admission that the government did not react quickly enough to many recent negative trends in the world economy. Government decisions were not enough, though, since individuals often failed to carry them out, he said.

"But I sometimes take comfort from the fact," he quipped, "that thousands of years ago, Moses came down from the mountain with ten commandments, and not even the first one of those has been fulfilled yet." The Congress hall rocked with laughter.

Mr. Kadar also added a convincing personal aside to the government's frequent statements about good church-state relations, deploring the murder of San Salvador Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero on March 24 as a "Fascist act."

"He was shot to death in his own church," the communist leader said, shaking his head. "In medieval times, the church was a sanctuary, but they don't even respect that now."

Broad-based support

This personal approach, combined with Mr. Kadar's simple style of living, has helped the party leader forge broad-based support for his relatively liberal domestic policies.

It has gone so far that both communists and non-party people have freely recounted flattering stories about Mr. Kadar's modesty. Some tales of him refusing

gifts or snubbing more ambitious politicians probably never took place, a Hungarian official said, but they sound so credible that people immediately believe them.

Such trust, built up over 20 years of work towards reconciliation, will be needed in the next five years as Hungary pushes ahead with its latest economic reforms.

The measures, introduced on Jan. 1, cut government subsidies for lame-duck factories, began raising prices to world market levels and liberalised wage regulations to allow better pay for more efficient workers.

Congress speakers made it clear what this meant for the 1981-1985 five-year plan. The economy will grow by three to four per cent annually while real wages will rise by only 1.2 per cent on average and wage levels will begin to diverge as better workers take home more.

Mr. Kadar stressed that managers, many of whom have been waiting to see how the new reforms will develop, should be bolder in making decisions, while workers would also have to assume more responsibility.

"Wages cannot mean payment merely for being present at one's job," he warned.

Politburo reshuffled

To underline his determination to press ahead with the reforms, Mr. Kadar reshuffled the 15-man politburo to weed out the remaining symbols of opposition to the most experimental economic policies in the Soviet bloc.

The surprisingly far-reaching move dismissed five members — or one-third — of the politburo. Three younger men, all clear Kadar supporters, were appointed in their place.

The most prominent dismissal was that of 58-year old Mr. Bela

Biszku, a former party secretary who led a rear-guard action within the ruling group against economic reforms introduced in 1968. Although unable to reverse them, the group around Mr. Biszku — known as the "workers' protectors" — was able to slow down reforms for most of the 1970s.

The fall of Deputy Prime Minister and planning commission chief Istvan Huszar came as a surprise.

Mr. Huszar, who was elevated to

the politburo in 1975, was considered a talented economist whose performance in office was good.

Some reports here said he was slated for other economic responsibilities, others said he never wanted to be in the politburo, but none could give a convincing reason why he was released from the country's highest political body.

The other dismissals were clearer. National assembly chairman Antal Apró and former prime minister Jenő Fock were considered ready for political retirement, while Mr. Dezso Nemes, editor-in-chief of the party daily Nepszabadsag, seemed too orthodox to adjust to the new

politics.

Of the new members, Mr. Ferenc Havasi, party secretary for economic affairs, apparently moved up the ranks for his support of Mr. Kadar during the party leader's struggle with Mr. Biszku in the 1970s. Western diplomats said he was now among the possible successors to the still healthy and active Mr. Kadar.

Mr. Lajos Mehes, leader of the powerful Budapest Party Organisation, is considered a dynamic manager while Mr. Mihály Korom, party secretary for internal security and a former justice minister, has a reputation as a loyal party official.

Prime Minister Lazar, long renowned to be ready to retire for health reasons, gave no indication he intended to leave office, and Western diplomats said they expected him to stay on.

Besides giving verbal assurances to artists and intellectuals, Mr. Kadar reaffirmed his open cultural policies by retaining Deputy Prime Minister Gyorgy Aczel in the politburo and promoting his close associate, Culture Minister Imre Pozsgay, to the party's central committee.

The reshuffle reached deep into the policy-making central committee, which was reduced from 127 to 120 members in a sweep that made way for younger members and women. The politburo was trimmed from 15 to 13 members.

World News Briefs

VIENNA, April 9 (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has agreed in principle to Vienna for the 25th anniversary next month of Austria's state treaty, a Soviet embassy spokesman said today. The confirmation increased prospects for the first level meeting between the Soviet Union and the United States since Soviet military action in Afghanistan in December. The U.S. and two other World War II allies, Britain and France, have also tentatively agreed to send their foreign ministers to the 25th anniversary ceremonies. The 1955 state treaty ended ten years of allied occupation and restored Austria's independence as a state.

BELFAST, April 9 (R) — Irish guerrillas killed one police officer wounded three after luring them into an ambush today, police said. At least three machine guns were used in the attack in west Belfast and the officers' armour-plated vehicle was riddled with bullets, a spokesman said. One officer died instantly and another was seriously wounded, he said. The gunmen had taken over a house, but a woman and child captive overnight, before attracting police to the scene by reporting a fake break-in at a library opposite, said spokesman. When police arrived, they came under a hail of bullets and troops sealed off the area within minutes but found no trace of the guerrillas or their weapons, he added. The mainly Catholic area of west Belfast is a stronghold of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

TOKYO, April 9 (R) — The Japanese Government has taken session of property worth about 540 million yen (\$2 million) belonging to former prime minister Kakuei Tanaka as security against tax claims, it was announced today. Mr. Kimichiro Yajima, head of the tax agency's direct tax section, told a parliamentary committee that land and a country house were being held in payment of a 480 million yen (\$1.8 million) tax claim. The charges of receiving a bribe from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, was prime minister, Mr. Tanaka, 61, has pleaded not to receiving a 500 million yen bribe from Lockheed to help sell Tristar passenger planes in Japan. A verdict is not expected least two years.

CANNES, France, April 9 (R) — Robbers carried away 25 sales by Jewish guests of the Cannes Palace hotel overnight and police said their haul could exceed 200 million francs (\$30 million). The management said most of the money, jewels and other valuables belonged to Jewish tourists from Belgium, the Netherlands, West Germany, Switzerland, the United States, South Africa and Italy. They said there was no trace of the safe room having broken into and assumed a man opened it from inside after he there. The hotel had four exits, including one through the ground car park, and none of the staff noticed anything, police added. Police said 46 guests had already filed complaints total of 12 million francs (\$2.7 million), but when all the guests reported their losses they expected the total haul to amount even exceed 200 million francs.

UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (R) — Zambia yesterday urged urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider a South African "aggression" against its territory. A Zambian delegation official said several hundred South African troops occupying the western part of Zambia, having crossed into the some weeks ago. The official said Council members — Zaire itself a member — would hold private consultations and decide to take up the complaint. No further details of the alleged African incursion were immediately available.

JAKARTA, April 9 (R) — An experiment to produce artificial rain was successfully conducted on Lombok island in Indonesia. Lesser Sunda archipelago, a region of recurring droughts, officials said. Provincial officials told reporters that the experiment had produced rain in sufficient quantities to secure the vests from more than half the 21,000 hectares of paddy fields area. The rain, caused by distribution of chemicals in the air, in other parts of the island and added considerable quantity of water to irrigation systems often in danger of drying up.

VILADECANS, Spain, April 9 (R) — Mr. Francisco Pardo, a home from a short holiday to find his daughter coming back to funeral, police sources said yesterday. She had wrongly identified body of a man run over by a car and disfigured as that of her father, missing for several days. Police in this little northern Spanish town were trying to establish the identity of the buried



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